

Kythira Island, Ionian Islands, Greece

Mythological birthplace of Aphrodite, Kythira slumbers between the Aegean and Ionian seas — a cliff-top Venetian castle, turquoise-lagoon beaches, and zero crowds make it the Greece the crowds haven't found yet.

 Tender port

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Euro (EUR)

 Greek

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor off Diakofti (east) or Kapsali (south)

Best For: Authentic Greece, Venetian history, secluded beaches, local honey

Walk to Center: Kapsali tender: 2 min to beach, 40 min uphill to Chora; Diakofti: car/taxi needed

Don't Miss: Chora's Venetian castle with 360° views over three seas

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €30–50 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Chora & the Venetian Castle** — The island's white-and-blue capital crowns a ridge above Kapsali Bay.
- **Paleochora — Kythira's Ghost Byzantine Capital** — Perched on a sheer cliff in the northwest, this ruined Byzantine town was sacked by pirate Barbarossa in 1537 and never rebuilt.
- **Mylopotamos Waterfall & Kato Chora Ruins** — Follow the lush gorge to the 'Fonissa' waterfall surrounded by old watermills, then step next door to Kato Chora — a perfectly frozen Venetian-era...
- **Kaladi or Chalkos Beach** — Kaladi's three crystal coves (reached by ~150 stone steps) and Chalkos's dramatic clifftop bay are two of the Ionian's most beautiful beaches.
- **Chora Archaeological Museum** — A compact but well-curated collection spanning prehistoric to Venetian eras, including the famous marble lion of Kythira and artefacts from ancient...

BEST WALKS

- **Kapsali Waterfront to Chora Castle** 2.5 km one-way | ~40 min uphill | Strenuous — Walk the winding road from Kapsali quay up to Chora town, continue through the alley-maze to the Venetian castle.
- **Diakofti Beach Stroll** ~1 km loop | 15 min | Easy — If your ship tenders to Diakofti, a short walk along the turquoise lagoon-style beach is the perfect stretch while waiting for tenders or relaxing between excursions.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	56°	4d
Jun		79°	69°	2d
Aug		86°	76°	1d
Sep		80°	71°	3d
Oct		72°	65°	4d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:54AM–8:01PM · Jun 6:10AM–8:46PM · Aug 6:46AM–8:17PM · Sep 7:10AM–7:35PM · Oct 7:35AM–6:51PM

Euro (EUR)

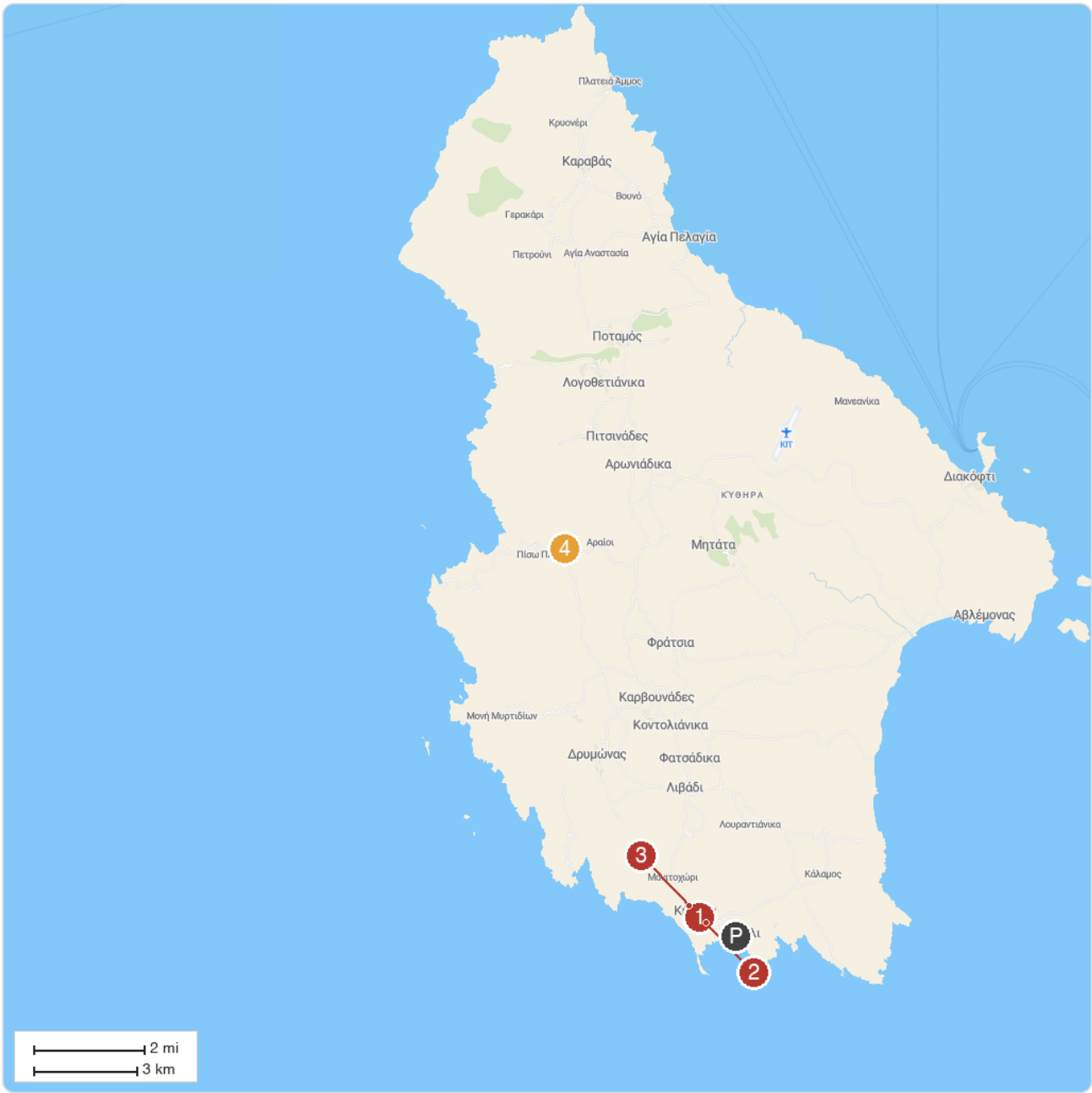
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rent a car: It's the only practical way to see the island independently. Pre-book and ask the agency to meet you at the tender pier — Kythira is large and hilly with almost no buses.
- Taxis are scarce: Fewer than a dozen island taxis exist. If you arrange a taxi, confirm a precise pick-up time and location — missing your ship is a real risk.
- Wind watch: The Meltemi can strengthen quickly and affect tendering. Monitor ship announcements; the tender point may change from Kapsali to Diakofti mid-call.
- Wear proper shoes: Chora's cobblestones and the castle path are steep and uneven. Leave flip-flops for the beach.
- Buy local honey: Kythira's wild-thyme honey is considered among Greece's finest. Pick up a jar in Chora shops — it travels well and makes an excellent souvenir.
- Sempreviva flower: This tiny yellow flower is the island's emblem. Its name means 'always alive' — you'll find handmade jewellery and crafts featuring it throughout Chora's shops.

Kythira Island, Ionian Islands, Greece — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Il Mercato Bar A lively bar for drinks and socializing.

3 Archaeological Museum of Kythera Museum displaying ancient artifacts from Kythira's history.

2 Castle of Chora Kithira Historic Venetian castle offering panoramic island views.

P Cruise port / terminal